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Where does Liu Xiaobo's Nobel leave Europe?

By Susi Dennison - 08 Oct 10

China's anger over the award of the Nobel peace prize to Liu Xiaobo leaves the EU with a hard question to answer: Should it stick to its human rights principles or should it look to compromise on its values in pursuit of the world's most important rising power?

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Navel gazing won't help at the UN

By Richard Gowan - 06 Oct 10

The EU's place as an international power depends more on its actions than on its status at the UN. If Europe concentrates on tackling real-world challenges through the UN system it can keep the United Nations relevant; concentrating on matters of status only makes the EU look irrelevant itself.

Europe meets China: time for the mouse to roar

By François Godement - 05 Oct 10

On Wednesday Brussels hosts an EU-China Summit. Will Europe be able to take advantage of the opportunity? Or will it lack a real sense of urgency, like the Chinese Qing court in the middle of the 19th century, and see the rest of the world move on without it?

Asia doesn't forget about Europe when trade is involved

By Jonas Parelló-Plesner - 04 Oct 10

Many European economies might be struggling, but when it comes to trade it still counts. A new agreement over trade with

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China is now a huge foreign policy challenge to the EU: it must respond with a global China policy.

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Risk of instability in the Western Balkans: the EU can no longer 'wait-and-see'.

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South Korea has sent a strong signal, ahead of this week's EU-Korea summit, that Europe is still a serious and important global player.

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By Ulrike Guérot - 01 Oct 10

The New Germany turns twenty this weekend. The country is rightly celebrating unification, and the economic success that has followed. But Berlin seems unable to cope with the new pivotal role in Europe that stems from its success story. Instead of looking for somebody else to write the script for Europe, New Germany needs to take responsibility and help the EU establish a global role.

Immer weniger Europa

By Ulrike Guérot - 01 Oct 10

Das neue Deutschland wächst sichtlich aus dem europäischen Haus heraus. Es profitiert von der EU, will Sie aber nicht führen und sieht sich stattdessen noch in der europäischen Opferrolle. Ist der Preis für Europa wirklich so hoch? Und sind wir nicht der große Nutznießer in der EU?

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ECFR Berlin & The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung: "Europe's East - Ideas for the EU's policy vis-à-vis its eastern neighbours" - 07 Oct 10

In cooperation with ECFR's Berlin office, the 11th annual Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung foreign policy conference is being held from the 7-8 October in Berlin. The conference is looking at how the EU can come up with constructive policies for the eastern neighbourhood on security, rule of law and sustainable development that go beyond geopolitical zero-sum games. ECFR's Mark Leonard and Ulrike Guérot are participating, and we have a link to a live feed from the conference.

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The Yanukovych Paradox: How Ukraine's new president can be good news for Europe after all.

China shapes its post-crisis economic agenda

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China and India: rivals always, partners sometimes

The authors of the latest issue of China Analysis argue that Western concerns over "Chindia" - the emergence of a Sino-Indian economic power bloc or strategic alliance - may be unwarranted.

Towards a post-American Europe: A Power Audit of EU-US Relations by Nick Witney & Jeremy Shapiro

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Can the EU rebuild failing states? A review of Europe's civilian capacities.

Have broken promises and treating Afghanistan, DR Congo and Iraq like Bosnia left the EU without the capacity to prevent fragile states from becoming failing states?



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